

**Douglas County Youth Orchestra  
(DCYO)**

**2021 - 2022 Season**

**Handbook**

**Free Summer Play-a-thon Edition**

**Tuesday, June 29, 2021**

**&**

**Tuesday, July 27, 2021**



DOUGLAS COUNTY  
YOUTH ORCHESTRA

*Expanding Instrumental Music Education Through Instruction and Performance for Young Musicians*

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## Welcome

Dear Musician and Family,

Thank you for attending our first FREE Summer Play-a-Thon, provided at no cost by the Douglas County Youth Orchestra (DCYO). The board of directors and our conductor hope you enjoy this opportunity to play music and enjoy the company of other local musicians. We are glad to have you and will treat you with courtesy and respect as you attend this unique opportunity. This Free Summer 2021 Play-a-Thon is a way for our orchestra to give back to our community during these unprecedented times. Our hope is for you to grow as a musician, individual, and enjoy the Play-a-Thon! Our collaborative efforts will bring great music to our ears during this special FREE Play-a-Thon.

## Introduction

### **Overview**

Douglas County Youth Orchestra (DCYO) is designed to provide opportunities for student musicians to be involved in music outside of a formal school setting. We believe that music is an essential part of every student's education, and we are committed to providing the highest quality orchestral experiences for our students.

**The FREE Summer 2021 Play-a-thon is under the direction of our Interim Conductor Kari Ellsworth on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 and Tuesday, July 27, 2021 both held from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Location: PACE Center at 20000 Pikes Peak Avenue, Parker, CO 80138. Play-a-thon will be held in the Discovery Lab East.**

### **Mission Statement**

Douglas County Youth Orchestra believes that music is an essential part of every student's education, and is committed to providing the highest quality orchestral experiences possible for our students.

### **Description**

DCYO expands instrumental music education through instruction and performance for young musicians in the Douglas County area. DCYO is largely a volunteer organization and our success is dependent on the work of parent volunteers. Participation by all families is our goal to ensure a positive experience for all our young musicians.

DCYO is a Colorado 501 (C)(3) non-profit, non-discriminatory organization that brings together Douglas County youth to participate in an affordable, educational program.

### **History**

DCYO was started in 2005 by a group of music teachers seeking to provide orchestral ensembles in order to foster students' musical understanding, social growth, and self-esteem at a reasonable cost. *DCYO is not affiliated with the Douglas County School District.*

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## Organization

### ***Purpose***

**This handbook provides guests of the DCYO FREE 2021 Summer Play-a-thon information about the organization, its policies, and its expectations.**

### ***Non-Discrimination Policy***

DCYO gives equal membership and employment, contracting, and volunteer opportunities to all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, military status, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, citizenship, disability, or geographic location. Because we are a youth orchestra membership is open to individuals only through the age of 21.

### ***Tuition***

**DCYO 2021 Summer Play-a-Thon is a free event!**

### ***Financial assistance***

Financial assistance, based on need, is available through DCYO Financial Assistance Program for those who apply during our regular season. This program is designed to help students with financial need participate in DCYO. Our desire is to provide tuition assistance, and in some cases, make an instrument available. Any student 17 years old or younger are eligible who meet the requirements for free or reduced lunch at school. Students who are in financial need, but who do not meet this lunch program qualification may still qualify, based on need. Please submit your request via an email addressed to [douglascountyouthorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:douglascountyouthorchestra@gmail.com). Please include the student's name, the school the musician attends, and if there is a Free and Reduced Lunch Program being used and/or an explanation for assistance. DCYO will be in touch with you to confirm and process the request.

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Membership Qualifications**

***DCYO 2021 Free Summer Play-a-thon***

Musicians with at least 2 or more years playing experience are welcome.

All instruments are welcome.

# Douglas County Youth Orchestra Handbook Expectations

## *COVID 19 - Protocol*

Due to the current pandemic in the World, United States, and Colorado, DCYO requires musicians and family attending DCYO 2021 Free Summer Play-a-thon to follow the following protocol:

- **Sign a COVID 19 waiver and return to DCYO by June 15, 2021**
- **Complete application and medical form and return by June 15, 2021**
- **Return all paperwork via email:**  
[douglascountyyouthorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:douglascountyyouthorchestra@gmail.com)
- Temperature check - musician - prior to entrance to DCYO 2021 Free Summer Play-a-thon
- Family will be asked to wait outside Play-a-Thon area - PACE CENTER may require waiting in your car
- Washing/Sanitizing of hands on arrival to Play-a-Thon area
- Wearing a mask at all times before, during and after Play-a-Thon
- No food to be brought to Play-a-Thon area
- Bring a water bottle with water to Play-a-Thon

**DCYO will make the final determination for anyone's admittance to the Play-a-thon on any given day.**

### ***Behavior***

- All musicians will treat each other with respect and dignity, and will contribute to a positive and encouraging atmosphere.
- Musicians will arrive with: mask, instrument, pencil, music stand and water bottle.
- All musicians may arrive 15 minutes prior to Play-a-Thon start time.
- Downbeat is 1:00 pm which means arrival at 12:45 pm is welcome
- Musicians' focus must be on the conductor during Play-a-Thon; no excessive talking or disruptive behavior. Musicians are NOT permitted to chew gum, eat, or drink (other than water) during Play-a-Thon. **All cell phones must be turned off during Play-a-Thon.**
- **Musicians are a guest of PACE CENTER and DCYO.** Please remain in the Play-a-Thon space. All other areas are off limits. It is important to be very respectful of the PACE CENTER.
- Due to COVID19 - snacks will not be provided
- Safety is always a priority, therefore, please do not leave the Play-a-thon space during any breaks or any other time until Play-a-Thon is concluded.

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Expectations, Continued**

***Musicians and Family and DCYO***

***Musicians:***

***Attendance and Preparation***

- Musicians must sign in and out before and after each Play-a-thon
- Musicians are encouraged to have two years of playing experience prior to attending Play-a-thon

***Family:***

***Attendance and Preparation***

- **All paperwork MUST be received by June 15 to be admitted for either June 29 or July 27 Play-a-thon - return via email: [douglascountyyouthorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:douglascountyyouthorchestra@gmail.com)**
- Parents, please walk your student musician to the Play-a-thon sign-in area.
- Musicians please bring: Mask, instrument, pencil, music stand, water bottle
- Covid 19 protocol will be followed.
- Student musicians will sign the attendance sheet themselves.
- Remember, safety is important and no musician will leave after the Play-a-thon unless an adult is accompanying them.
- Arrive 15 minutes prior to Play-a-thon for COVID 19 protocol and sign in.
- **Only musicians will be able to enter Discovery Lab East. Parents and family will wait in the car or return at 3:00 pm. Harmony Park, the area just outside Discovery Lab East, will be open around 2:30 pm for parents to listen to the end of the Play-a-thon, sign musicians out, and leave. Distancing and masks will be required in this area.**

***DCYO:***

***Covid19 preparation***

- DCYO staff will be wearing masks at all times
- DCYO will prepare the Play-a-thon area with sanitization of all chairs.
- Distancing of all musicians will be provided and ensured
- No snacks will be served
- Hand sanitizer will be made available in the Play-a-thon space